

EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY IS REFUSED HOMER BIRD

President Roosevelt Refuses to Commute Murderer's Sentence—To Hang March 6.

President Roosevelt's determination not to interfere in the carrying out of the sentence imposed upon Homer Bird, the Alaskan murderer, settles the fate of the prisoner today. No message could now be dispatched in time to reach the prisoner before March 6, the date set for the execution.

The Homer Bird case has attracted a great deal of attention in Alaska and the Pacific Coast States for a number of years past. Bird lived in New Orleans with his wife and five children. When the Klondike gold fever reached its height, he deserted his wife and family and ran away with another woman. Reaching Alaska he formed a partnership with two other men and a boy, and the party of five started out for the gold fields. The woman soon became a cause of discord between the partners and a decision was reached to divide the stock of provisions and baggage of the party and separate. At breakfast on the day the agreement was to be carried out, Bird, according to the testimony of the woman, shot one man in the back, killing him instantly. He then proceeded to murder the boy, but on her intercession, as she claimed, he spared the youth's life.

As the other man reached for his gun Bird shot him also, but the victim lived for a number of months. It was afterward claimed that his death was not in consequence of this wound.

Bird was convicted on two trials, the second having been granted on a technicality raised by his counsel. When the second verdict had been given an appeal to the higher court was taken and the sentence affirmed there. The Department of Justice considered the case when an application for commutation of sentence was made through the continued efforts of Bird's deserted wife. The latter advanced the theory that no sentence should stand against her recalcitrant husband, since the main evidence, and all the direct testimony, was given by a depraved woman, whose word ought not to have been taken even under oath.

The Attorney General held, however, that the attendant circumstances were of such an atrocious nature that nothing could excuse Bird's double murder and, as the facts were not denied, the sentence should stand. The President approved this opinion of the Department of Justice and refused to interfere.

Mrs. Bird has been in Washington for ten days past, with her twelve-year-old daughter, and aroused public sympathy by her tearful accounts of her love for her husband and of protest that her children should not be left fatherless. In view of the fact that Bird had deserted his family six years ago, the Attorney General declined to put these pleadings above the plain law and the facts in the case, as brought out at each hearing in the courts.

ALEXANDRIA NEWS NOTES.

Washington Day Celebration.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Feb. 24.—The distinguished guests who visited this old city yesterday and witnessed the celebration held in observance of the birth of Washington are loud in their praises of the demonstration, and the day will be long remembered by them. The festivities were kept up until a late hour last night. Chief among them was a grand banquet given by the members of the Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Masons No. 22, in honor of Gov. Andrew Jackson Montague. The banquet was a genuine surprise to the governor.

Shortly past 8 o'clock the governor was called upon by Capt. K. Kemper and Fred. Peffer, members of the craft, at the residence of Corporation Attorney George L. Boothe, where he was stopping. He was at once driven to Masonic Hall, where the banquet was served. A large number of distinguished members of the craft from other points were present.

Another feature of the night's entertainment was a German given in McBurney's Hall by the members of the Alexandria German Club, in honor of the distinguished officers and visitors that participated in the demonstration. The German was led by Judge Louis C. Barley, of the corporation court.

As the parade passed the Young Men's Sodality Lyceum Hall, on Duke Street, the pupils of St. Mary's School, dressed in white, carrying flags, reviewed it. When the carriage bearing the governor passed that building the children presented him with a handsome basket of red American Beauty roses. The roses were given him, in behalf of the pupils, by Mary N. Harlow, who was accompanied by four other little ones, two on each side acting as a guard of honor.

At the conclusion of the Masonic banquet Governor Montague was escorted to McBurney's Hall and viewed the German. This concluded his visiting. He then went to the house of Corporation Attorney Boothe, where he spent the night, and this morning left on an early train for Richmond.

REVOLUTIONISTS ROUTED, GEN. VIDAL TAKEN PRISONER

CARACAS, Feb. 24.—While the revolutionists were remaining inactive between Petare and Guaremas, a few leagues from Caracas, President Castro was actively making preparations to attack them. He ordered all the troops stationed at Barcelona and Carupano to come to Caracas by way of Rio Chico, and to attack the revolutionists in the flank and rear.

The plan was successfully executed by General Olivares, who, upon reaching Rio Chico, attacked the rebels and defeated them, taking numerous prisoners. Among the wounded is General Vidal, one of the revolutionary leaders.

The only persons here who profess to believe in the ultimate success of the revolution are the Germans.

INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES

MADE AGAINST GOV. DAVIS LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 24.—The committee investigating the charges against Governor Davis yesterday examined only one witness, S. H. McSair, manager of the T. H. Bunch Coal Company. He admitted that coal had been furnished to Governor Davis at a reduced rate.

The witness denied that there had been an agreement that the company would furnish the governor with free coal in the event that the firm secured the contract for supplying the State institutions, but admitted that the coal the governor received that year (1932) was still unpaid for, although coal bought subsequently had been paid for.

He testified that the governor still owed for between 15 and 20 tons of coal.

POPE AND SPANISH ENVOY DISCUSS PHILIPPINE AFFAIRS ROME, Feb. 24.—The Spanish mission to the Pope's jubilee, led by the Duke De Almodovar, was received at the Vatican today with royal honors. The Pope entertained Almodovar in private conversation for half an hour, and discussed, among other things, the best way to arrange for substitutes for the Spanish friars in the Philippines.

J. ROLAND JOHNSON'S TRIAL COMMENCES

Charged With Shooting Major Armes.

J. Roland Johnson, who shot and wounded Major George A. Armes on the morning of August 21 last, was put on trial today in Criminal Court No. 1 for the offense. The difficulty between defendant and Major Armes took place at Fairfield Villa on the Chevy Chase Road. The villa is owned by Major Armes, and just prior to the shooting had been leased by the defendant Johnson.

Soon after the difficulty Major Armes said that Johnson shot him without a word of warning. Only one shot was fired by Johnson, the bullet taking effect in the right side of Major Armes' breast.

The trouble between Johnson and Major Armes, it is said, grew out of proceedings for ejectment instituted by the latter against the former to evict him from Fairfield Villa.

Johnson is represented by Attorney Creed M. Fulton, of the firm of Leckie & Fulton, and the Government by Assistant District Attorney Taylor.

PHILIPPINES COMMITTEE TO ASK FOR TRIAL PAPERS

Decides to Request Summary of Insular Court-Martial Cases.

The Senate Committee on the Philippines has decided to report favorably Senator Rawlins' resolution asking for papers in court-martial cases, but amended it to include only a summary of the cases. The report was adopted by the Senate.

Senator Carmack's resolutions directing the committee to continue investigation of conditions by holding recess sessions was reported adversely by Senator Lodge.

The committee determined to take no further testimony regarding atrocities alleged to have been committed by United States Army officers in the Philippines.

BISHOP MAKES ANSWER TO HOAR FOR THE SOUTH

Declares Negro Question Will Solve Itself—Root's Sentiments Upheld.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Senator Hoar of Massachusetts, in his address at the Union League Club's Washington Day banquet last evening, took Secretary of War Root severely to task for his expressions on the negro question.

The Senator strongly endorsed President Roosevelt's views. So interested did he become in his subject that he said very little of Washington, about whom he was scheduled to talk. The main portion of his talk was on Lincoln and the negro.

Bishop Thomas F. Gailor of Tennessee, followed Senator Hoar with a masterly address. The Senator had placed the negro question so squarely before the banqueters that Bishop Gailor took it up, from the viewpoint of the South, and he dwelt upon it at length. His address in part was what might be termed an answer to Senator Hoar's address. He defended the Southerners for their stand.

Senator Hoar stated that any gentleman, regardless of race or color, would always find a welcome at his home and at his table. The negroes, he said, had made a marvelous advance during their forty years of freedom.

Bishop Answers for the South. Bishop Gailor said the history of the negro, since emancipation day, showed that the negro of pure blood had not advanced; that those who had attracted public attention to their accomplishments were of half negro blood.

The negro question, Bishop Gailor said, would adjust itself as had other great questions in this country in the past. He declared that the negro's best friends were in the South, and he defended Secretary Root's utterances.

Senator Hoar said in part: "I see that my excellent friend, Secretary Root, says that reconstruction and the achievements which followed the civil war have been a failure. Now, I do not believe that when Secretary Root goes out of office he will gain a monopoly in the business of thinking for the people in questions of righteousness and liberty. He will not be employed to send news to the great dailies from the Philippines."

What Has Been Done for the Negro.

"In the first place, we freed the negro. They do not separate the negro's wife from him, or his children from him, any more; they do not whip women or sell their children; they do not prevent them from working; they do not make it a crime to teach him to read the Bible. Is that a failure?"

GERMAN RETURNS CAPTURED GUNBOAT TO VENEZUELA

PUERTO CABELLO, Venezuela, Feb. 24.—At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon Commodore Scheder, commanding the German squadron, handed over to the Venezuelan authorities the captured gunboat Restaurador (formerly George Gould's yacht Atlanta). Prior to surrendering the vessel Commodore Scheder examined her to see if she was in good condition.

Half an hour after the transfer of the gunboat the cruiser Vineta, Commodore Scheder's vessel, left the harbor.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Prof. Simon Newcomb has gone to New York for the purpose of holding a preliminary meeting with the committee of the congress of science and art to be held at St. Louis in 1934, in connection with the Louisiana Purchase

ICEBOATS LAND WOMEN FROM IMPRISONED SHIP

Steamer Stanley Forty Days in Ice Pack.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 24.—For forty days the government steamer Stanley, plying across the Strait of Northumberland between Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, has been stuck hard and fast in the ice. She became imprisoned on January 14, and since then has drifted down the Straits fast in the ice, to a point east of Pictou Island. She is still fast in the same ice field.

Ten days ago the government steamer Minto started to her relief, but was also caught, and is still fast. The Minto had fifty-four passengers on board, nineteen of whom were women. These were taken off by three boats, yesterday, and landed on Pictou Island. The remainder of the passengers will also be landed. The Stanley had not been relieved for a month.

The Stanley had about thirty tons of coal on Friday, when some provisions and oil were put on board. An effort will be made to put coal on board. The steamer must be abandoned if the coal gives out.

The report received by the agent of marine yesterday says there is no chance for either steamer to be released till there comes a heavy southerly wind, with mild weather.

The present state of affairs is unprecedented. Freight is piling up at Georgetown by carloads. The mail service is maintained on five days by means of iceboats, but frequent interruptions are caused by storms. One such interruption lasted eight days.

RESPIED ON EVE OF DEATH IN THE CHAIR

Governor Odell Relieves "Whity" Sullivan, Who Had Abandoned Hope.

DANMORA, N. Y., Feb. 24.—After having said good-bye to the prison officials and made all preparations to meet his fate in the electric chair, "Whity" Sullivan, condemned to die for the murder of Watchman Mathew Wilson, at Cobleskill, N. Y., on the night of November 27, 1930, was notified at midnight that he had been granted a respite for at least two weeks.

The news was wholly unexpected by Sullivan, who had abandoned all hope. The news was conveyed to him by Warden Devo, who received word from Governor Odell by telephone. Sullivan received the tidings without emotion.

COMMISSIONER FOULKE DEPARTS FOR ST. LOUIS

To Investigate Charges Preferred Against Postoffice Officials.

Commissioner W. D. Foulke, of the Civil Service Commission, started for St. Louis last Friday, and is to investigate the charges of alleged maladministration of the internal affairs of the St. Louis postoffice by Postmaster Baumhoff.

It is reported that the selection of Mr. Foulke for this inquiry is at the suggestion of President Roosevelt, and involves the question of a second term for Postmaster Baumhoff. The charges allege improper promotions of favorite clerks.

DEATH OF RECTOR STEEN, ONCE TRIED FOR HERESY

MONTREAL, Feb. 24.—The Rev. F. J. Steen, vicar of Christ Church Cathedral, died here this morning. He had been ill since the middle of December, suffering from a severe attack of heart trouble.

He was a native of New York, and created a sensation in church circles here two years ago by his unorthodox teachings while professor in the diocesan college, and he was before the Anglican Church tribunal on a charge of heresy.

His resignation was accepted, but after great effort on the part of his friends a settlement was reached, and he was inducted into the vicarage of Christ Church Cathedral.

I Will Cure You of Rheumatism Else No Money Is Wanted.

Any honest person who suffers from Rheumatism is welcome to this offer. I am a specialist in Rheumatism, and have treated more cases than any other physician. I think. For 16 years I made 2,000 experiments with different drugs, testing all known remedies, while searching the world for something better. Nine years ago I found a costly chemical in Germany which, with my previous discoveries, gave me a certain cure.

I don't mean that it can turn bony joints into flesh again; but it can cure the disease at any stage, completely and forever. I have done it fully 10,000 times.

I know this so well that I will furnish my remedy on trial. Simply write me a postal for my book on Rheumatism, and I will mail you an order on your druggist for six bottles of Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure. Take it for a month at your risk. If it fails, the cost is only \$5.50. If it fails, I will pay the druggist myself—and your mere word shall decide it.

I mean that exactly. If you say the results are not what I claim, I don't expect a penny from you. I have no samples. Any more sample that can affect chronic Rheumatism must be dragged to the verge of danger. I use no such drugs, and it is fully my own. You must get the disease out of the blood.

My remedy does that even in the most difficult, obstinate cases. It has cured the oldest cases that I ever met. And in all my experience—in all my 2,000 tests—I never found another remedy that would cure one chronic case in ten.

Write me and I will send you the order. Try my remedy for a month, as I can't harm you, anyway. If it fails, it is free.

Address Dr. Shoop, Box 706, Racine, Wis. Mild cases, acute chronic, are often cured by one or two bottles. All druggists.

BROADER SCOPE FOR ARMY EXAMINATIONS

Promotion to Depend on Proven Knowledge.

Secretary Root's new system in determining individual fitness for promotion has excited the greatest possible interest among the younger officers of the army. This system embraces a series of examinations, which include subjects of general military character and topics which apply to the respective staff corps and arms. The examinations are to be more extensive in scope and more severe in requirements than formerly.

This is in line of the greater qualifications imposed on army officers of the line and staff. The character of the examinations has been formulated and the details have been worked out by the officers in charge of the Army War College, and in the estimate of fitness of individual officers credit is to be given for diplomas obtained at that institution and the other service schools, and such diplomas are to be accepted in place of certain subjects.

It is proposed to have this new system go into effect on July 1, at the beginning of the next fiscal year. Officers who fail in their examinations are to be allowed to take a year's tuition at Fort Leavenworth, but they are to be re-examined, and no officer will be excused from meeting the qualifications imposed by the provisions of the law. Eleven officers are now under instruction at Fort Leavenworth, in preparation for re-examination. One or two of them have made efforts to be excused from the second and final examination, but Mr. Root does not propose to permit any officer to evade the requirements.

OMNIBUS PUBLIC BUILDING BILL PASSES THE SENATE

Voted on Exactly as Reported From the Committee.

The omnibus public building bill, reported to the Senate yesterday afternoon, was passed later in the day without debate, except that occasioned by Senators who asked appropriations for new building in their States.

The committee, however, had excluded all new business from the bill and the amendments offered were voted down. The measure passed in the form published in The Times yesterday.

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 \$7.95 for this Adjustable Steel Couch

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In the meantime, consider the possibilities of your future needs.

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Has bought this immense stock to sell, and you will know that in order to close out an entire stock of merchandise of such dimensions within the limit of sixty days means such a breaking down of prices that the practical benefit in connection

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COMMISSIONERS' NOTICES.

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